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As I assess the motives, I'm ranking them from 1 to 7 based on their perceived sense. This ranking reflects my evaluation based on the perceived clarity, comprehensibility, and prevalence of each motive within the context of cybercrime. However, I acknowledge that individual perspectives on what makes sense may vary.

- **For Money:** I attribute top ranking to financial gain as it constitutes a primary, tangible motive. The pursuit of monetary benefits in cybercrime often involves clear, calculable objectives, making this motive relatively straightforward to comprehend.
- **Recognition:** In my view, seeking recognition through cybercriminal activities, like launching notable attacks, suggests a desire for attention or acknowledgment within the hacker community. While less tangible than monetary gain, the motive is well-documented in the hacking subculture.
- **Political:** Hacking for political reasons, tied to ideology or activism, holds the third spot. This motive makes sense as individuals may perceive their actions as a means of promoting a cause or expressing dissent.
- **Revenge:** Seeking revenge through cybercrimes, such as revenge porn, comes fourth. While emotionally charged, it follows a motive rooted in seeking retaliation for perceived wrongs.

- Multiple Reasons: I position the motive of multiple reasons in the middle range of sense-making. The complexity arises from cybercriminals being driven by a combination of motives, making it challenging to pinpoint a single rationale.
- Entertainment: Hacking for entertainment seems less intuitive to me, but individuals seeking thrills or challenges in cyberspace can be drawn to this motive. While less common, it does have a precedent in the hacking community.
- Boredom: Hacking out of boredom ranks the lowest in my assessment as it implies a lack of purpose or direction. While some individuals may resort to cyber activities due to sheer idleness, it remains the least intuitively understandable motive in my perspective.